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SUBJECT: CENTO POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER

1. AS ANTICIPATED BY AMBASSADOR MACOMBER BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE MAY 15, POLITICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING FAILED RESOLVE DISPUTE OVER PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER.

2. TURKS, ORIGINALLY SUPPORTED BY BRITISH, MADE PRESENTATION IN FORM OF TWO-TIERED ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND COUNTERSUBVERSION COMMITTEES WOULD MEET SEPARATELY AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO PWG. IRANIANS AND PAKISTANIS INSISTED ON AT MOST EXPANDED PWG WITH EXPERTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES SITTING IN SUPPORT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. US STRONGLY URGED LATTER AND BRITISH ALSO SWITCHED OVER TO SUPPORT IT.

3. DESPITE INTENSE EFFORTS BY SECRETARY GENERAL GET AGREEMENT, TURKS REMAINED ADAMANT, SAID THEY HAD NO DISCRETION IN THEIR INSTRUCTIONS, AND INSISTED THAT ISSUE WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BY STEERING COMMITTEE OR MINISTERS. STILL UNCLEAR JUST WHAT TURKS SEEKING ACCOMPLISH BY DRAGGING OTHER COMMITTEES INTO POLITICAL GUIDANCE PROCESS.

4. NET EFFECT TURK POSITION, HOWEVER, IS TO GIVE PAKISTANIS OPPOR-
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TUNITY WE THINK THEY HAVE WANTED ALL ALONG TO AIR POLITICAL GUIDANCE

QUESTION IN MINISTERIAL BY CHARGING PROCESS HAS BROKEN DOWN.
(AND IN THIS CASE IT WILL BE TURKS RATHER THAN PAKISTANIS WHO
WOULD BEAR ONUS OF BRINGING MATTER TO MINISTERS.)

5. IN VIEW ADAMANCY OF TURKISH POSITION AT MAY 15 PWG MEETING,
IT WILL PROBABLY BE VERY DIFFICULT ACHIEVE SOLUTION IN STEERING
COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, BUT THIS NOW APPEARS LAST CHANCE TO DO SO
PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL. SECRETARIAT IS DRAFTING PROPOSALS FOR
STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH WE WILL FORWARD UPON RECEIPT.
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